

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action dated 10/11/2006, the above-identified application has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Applicant's counsel made telephone call to the Examiner in an effort to discuss the indicated allowable subject matter and new matter rejection prior to the expiration of the advisory period. The Examiner indicated she was unavailable until the 8th of January 2007, but that the above amendment can be submitted prior to her return, wherein counsel would have an opportunity to discuss the same on January 8th. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, review and reconsideration is requested.

It is stated that the prior amended language "and wherein once the cross-tee is so connected to the main-tee to form a permanent cross structure portion of said grid, said device is configured to be slidably removed from said permanent cross structure portion" was improperly introducing new matter and the Examiner placed an objection under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) as to the Specification and under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as to claims 1 and 7. Otherwise, the examiner indicated claims 1 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection. Also, claims 2-6 were similarly allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection.

The Examiner points out that the term slidably does not exist in the Specification. Further, the Examiner further points out that it is unclear how the permanent cross structure can be slidably removed.

Applicant has amended the Specification and Claims to remove the term "slidably."

Otherwise, the basis for the amendment is supported in the Specification. See for example, page 9, lines 5-10, Claim 7, and further in view of the explanation at page 3, last paragraph wherein it is explained the nature of constructing a ceiling grid requires cross-tee being permanently being fixed in position to a main-tee. To clarify, it is not being claimed that the permanent cross-tee is being slidably removed, rather that the device is being removed after its use of squaring the cross-tee and main-tee to permit the permanent connection thereof. It is believed this should clarify the matter for the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amended the claims now overcome the rejection thereto. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Accordingly, claims 1-7 appear to be in condition for allowance and the same is requested at as early a date as possible. This is intended to be complete response to the Official Action dated 10/11/2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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